



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Pastor

Rev. Brent L. Smith

Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm

Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm

Mon: NO MASS

Tues: 12:05 pm

Wed: 6:30 am

Thurs: 12:05 pm

Fri: 6:30 am

First Sat: 9:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 24, 2022

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F: 8am - Noon



SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)



APRIL
24
2022

“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

SENT

In Jesus' first appearance to his disciples, as described in today's Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples, and all who follow him: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus speaks to us here: we the Church are a "sent people," sent to participate in God's mission, that is, God's purposes and activity for all of humanity. Like Jesus was sent to Israel, we are sent to witness to our world of the boundless love of God, and to offer an alternative way of living based on that love. The wounds that Jesus displayed to his disciples remind us that this new way of life often involves both dying to the familiar and comfortable, and rising to the new and unknown. When we join in efforts to challenge injustice, heal broken relationships, or care for those on the margins of society, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

THE WEEK BETWEEN

In today's Gospel, we notice there was a week between Jesus' first appearance (without Thomas), and the following appearance (with Thomas). During this week, Thomas chose to stay with the community. But why? Perhaps he trusted his friends in some way. Perhaps he reflected on their life with Jesus and on the possibility their account was true. In the week between, Thomas stayed and lived with the questions, and with his doubts. Importantly, the disciples did not cast him out as an unbeliever. It seems they accepted and loved him, just as he was.

Perhaps many of us live in this "week between." We have questions and doubts. We can choose to leave or to stay. We can either engage or ignore our deepest questions. If we embrace our questions with courage, we can live into them. Perhaps we will encounter, through God's initiative, and with the help of our companions in faith, some of the answers—and new questions along the way.

PRIMARY DIMENSIONS

We are currently in Year C of the three-year Lectionary cycle. For the Second Sunday of Easter, in all three years, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Year A (from Acts 2) tells of the new Christian community's dedication to prayer. Year B (from Acts 4) tells of their sharing of goods and deep bonds of trust in each other. Today we hear in Acts 5 of the early Church's ministry of healing to the community, performed by Peter and the apostles.

These represent three of the primary dimensions of those first Christian communities: prayer in relationship to God; sharing in relationship to each other; and service in relationship to the world around them. We are reminded that all three are fundamental to our identity as Church. We fail to live fully as Church when we neglect any of these relationships. We are called to encourage their full flowering in our own parish's life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:12–16
Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24
Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
John 20:19–31

Men's Bible Study

Hosted by Fr Brent
When: Fridays at 7am
Where: Rectory

Sacraments

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call 334-2193 to schedule the sacrament. Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing.

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Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 04/10/2022 \$8,090.81

2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to: **Ronnie Joseph Lavergne, Ricks & Allison Comeaux, Randy Champagne, Edward & Willie Leger, Arthur Myers Jr. Family, Charles W. Chappuis, James H. Comeaux, Jaime Gardiner Henderson Simon & Nero Families**

The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of: **Robert Delahoussaye, Deceased Catholic Daughters, Garrison Cole Gautreaux, Roy P. Myers, Calvin & Buella Guidry, Cecile Landry, Willie, Edward & James Leger, Ronnie Joseph Lavergne, Robert "Bob" Myers**

Baptisms

We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

**Brody David Brewer, Remi Jane Daigle,
Michael Joseph Kirsch**

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

**Hunter Newman Farrar & Caroline Elizabeth Beslin,
Joshua Scott Roy & Maddie Claire Boudreaux,
Kyle Joseph Hebert & Alex Blair Guidry**

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Irene Nugent Hanks, Agnes Trahan Borne, Stafford Cormier, Ronnie Matthews

Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Natalie Alleman, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Willie Bourque, Nola Comeaux, Preston Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Susan Dollison, Kerry Doucet, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Karen Hebert, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Candi Hebert Latino, Tara P. Logsdon, Merella McFalls, Richard Melancon & Family, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Judy Mouton, Ronnie Myers, Kristian Navarre, Mark Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Claudia "Pie" Richard, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble

First Communion

First Communion will take place on Sunday May 1 at 2pm, in St Joseph Catholic Church. All students MUST be in the Family Life Center by 1:45 pm.

NDHS Crawfish Boil



Sunday, May 1st - Notre Dame Annual Crawfish Boil. Tickets are \$15.00 each for 4 lbs. of crawfish plus potato. To be picked up at the Rayne Civic Center Pavilion drive through between 10:30 and 12:30. Tickets can be purchased from the Notre Dame Athletic Office. Call 337-783-8776 with any questions.

Garden Club



Garden Mausoleum

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed with American Cemetery Consultants LLC to build the beautiful new Garden Mausoleum in St. Joseph Cemetery. The program has the full approval of His Excellency, the Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette.

Sales representatives of American Cemetery Consultants will be contacting families in the Rayne area over the next few weeks to answer questions about the mausoleum and determine who is interested. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis; therefore, anyone seeking information should either mail in the postage paid reply card from the brochure mailer that was mailed to your home or call (337) 347-6989.

NEW GARDEN MAUSOLEUM UPDATE



Representatives (Joe Blanchard, Keith Boudreaux, and Tommy Lyons) from American Cemetery Consultants would like to convey their utmost gratitude to all of you who have welcomed them into your homes and for your gracious hospitality. The response to the St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum addition is going well. We expect to continue visiting and signing up families for approximately one more month. Please don't delay. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis and payment plans are available only during the pre-sales program. The number of mausoleum crypts selected before construction will determine the final size of the building. So if anyone is interested in purchasing or has questions, please return the card attached to the brochure you recently received or call 337-347-6989

DID YOU KNOW?



The Germans from Roberts Cove, such as the Zaunbrechers, contributed the oxen from their farms to haul the church from the original location to the new location.

THE FIRST 150 YEARS

Envelope Fundraiser

High School Faith Formation is hosting an envelope fundraiser! Numbered envelopes are located at the three entrances of the church. The number on each envelope represents a dollar amount. Please return the envelopes to the church office with the enclosed dollar amount written on the outside of the envelope you have selected. Funds raised will go toward piloting our Summer Religious Exposure Program! This unique program will enable the teens of St. Joseph Parish to have exposure to various charisms and vocations within the Catholic Church. As a part of this program, we will be volunteering our time to serve at various Catholic Charities locations as well. These funds raised will go toward food and transportation to these events. Envelopes will remain in the church entrances throughout the month of April. Please return all envelopes by May 1st. Thank you for your generosity!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Thank you for your generosity!

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER



MAN-TO-MAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8th Biennial Conference

St. Pius X Catholic Church

Lafayette, LA

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 8:10 a.m.)

\$35 per person
(includes lunch)

Men 18 years and older

Keynote Speakers:

Father Wade Menezes

John Edwards

Special Guest Speakers:

Bishop Douglas Deshotel

Fr. Jim Brady

Master of Ceremonies

Fr. Brent Smith

For more information and to register, visit
www.m2m21.com

Red Bird Ministries

Please join Red Bird Ministries for a families of child loss memorial event fundraiser. Saturday April 30th from 8 AM-3PM at Cecile Poche Park in Parks, LA. 8 AM Mass of remembrance, 9 AM memorial fun run/walk, 10 AM memorial begins. Registration only needed for fun run/walk. Food, fun games, music, treats. Go to www.redbird.love for more information.



MOTHER'S DAY

Tea Party

MAY 7 | 10:00AM-11:30AM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Please RSVP by April 23
Louissette Broussard
337.581.3813

Ministers Schedule

April 2022

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Debra Reed Extraordinary Ministers - Diana Duhon, Neal Duhon Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Dan Landry Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Phil Speyrer Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Richard Dupuis Extraordinary Ministers - Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona, Mandy Miller - Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tammy Clark Extraordinary Ministers - Jimmy Fontenot, Andy Richard, Leah Guidry Altar Servers - 5:30 Team



Divine Mercy Ministry for the Dying

If you know someone who is in imminent danger of death, call the number below for a Divine Mercy chaplet to be prayed for that individual.

337-237-5059

A Diocesan Ministry of St. Pius X Catholic Church available for all, Catholic and non-Catholic

Adoration Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration

rayne.weadorehim.com

First Friday Mass & Adoration

The first Friday of the month is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings:

“In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.”

Please join us every first Friday of the month for 6:30am Mass followed by Adoration from 7-8am. Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours!

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the Holy Season of Lent, we are called to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Let us remember in our prayers the people of Ukraine who are suffering the ravages of a brutal war of aggression by Russia. We see every day how this brutality is affecting men, women, children, the elderly and infirm. Children and the elderly are being forced from their homes in an attempt to flee destruction.

None of us can imagine our lives being upended as the Ukrainian people are enduring. In the middle of winter they are without heat, electricity, food and medicine. Many of the elderly, walking with crutches, must tread through snow, water and mud trying to find safety. We cannot help but be moved to have compassion for our fellow human beings. Please remember them in your prayers. Pray also that national leaders will be moved to seek peaceful means to resolve their differences.

Many have asked how they could help monetarily. Donations will be used to provide food, medicine and even warm clothes. If anyone wishes to help, donations may be given to your pastor or to me at the Diocesan Offices, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501, marked “Ukrainian Relief”. The United States Conference of Bishops has a close relationship with the Ukrainian Bishops and any donations will be forwarded to them for relief efforts.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop of Lafayette



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ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED WILL GO TO THE
DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE TO UKRAINIAN BISHOPS
BY WAY OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
BISHOPS



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